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(54) **FOOD DECORATING AGENT AND FOOD**

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a food decorating agent composed of small pieces or fine powder of edible thin flakes made of a water-insoluble or hardly soluble colored edible material, and having excellent decorating performance and fashionability, and compatible with the texture of food.

CONSTITUTION: An aqueous solution of an edible substance (e.g. albumin, pullulan, etc.) which is insoluble or hardly soluble in water in the course of food processing, is formed to a thin film, dried, and slitted or crushed. The thin flakes or crushed product is colored by immersing in a solution of natural or synthetic pigment (e.g. carminic acid, Monascus dye, etc.) to obtain the objective food decorating agent. The agent is added to food such as shaved ice ice cream, milk, cookie, etc. in an amount of 0.05W2%.

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